

SOC Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, July 25, 2006

Present: Mary Dalton, Mignon Waterman, Joan Cassidy, Pete Surdock, Stephanie Luehr, Shirley Brown, Bonnie Adey, Jani McCall, Bonnie Hogg, Bob Peake, Tim Lambert, Natalee Barnes, William Snell, Deborah Henderson, Tim Kober, Christine Good Luck, John Larson, Bob Runkel, Trish Stroman, Ron Martin (Melanie Martin-Dent).

Non Members: Dennis Cox, Karin Billings, Kari Tutwiler, Jamie Stolte, Tina Cline, Brittany Schmech Walt Wagenhals, Novelene Martin, Rita Pickering, Melanie Redman, Klarissa Jensen, Deb Sanchez, Lowell Luke, Lois Steinbeck, Cyndi Erler, Lorrie Biltoft.

- 1) Minutes reviewed and passed without changes.
- 2) Cultural Competency and Conflict surveys were completed and returned.
- 3) Workgroups:

Pete:

- SOC committee members should be chairs of work groups.
  - Recommend that the committee appoint a SOC member to chair each work group and report out.

Kari: Training/Social Marketing work group.

Training:

- Survey of sites state they want training delivered on-site to full KMA community team in fall months.
- Will send out details of training plans from each community meeting.
- Will confirm appropriate facilitators.

Social marketing:

- Goal is to reduce stigma
  - Educating on what is mental illness
  - What are resources
  - Introducing System of Care.
- Have a federal template on building social marketing plan.
- Have selected three primary audiences.
  - Parents/Guardians
  - Children/Youth
  - High-level school administration
- Developing a System of Care brochure aimed at community and parents.
  - Brochure for youth to be developed next.
- Drafting an official statewide Montana System of Care logo.
- Working with Montana Mental Health Association.
  - Hope to have Mental Health ads released to radio and TV in August and September.
  - SOC has provided \$25,000 for radio and TV times for ads.
  - SOC will be able to use all other production costs as in-kind.
- Information packet on transition for 16 ½ to 18 year-olds will be distributed to all case management providers to be given to parents.
- Natalee: High schools have media rooms that produce PBS type ads and the kids get credit.

Evaluation:

- Natalee Barnes will be the chair of the Evaluation committee.
- Evaluation work group has new members.
- Billings and Missoula KMA grant projects have hired data coordinators.
- Working on surveys.

- Discussed ORC meeting in Missoula.
  - This will be a national overview of how the survey data will affect Montana and help with other groups.
- September data collection training in Billings on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>
- Services inventory tool – comprehensive services inventory and then gap analysis.
  - This will begin within the next couple of weeks to implement services in October.
- Have begun process of database for local communities to access information and data.
  - This is intended to be web-based.
  - System will be HIPAA compliant.

#### Policy/Membership

- Developing membership guidelines, terms of service, MOU.
  - Developing a document that looks at roles, responsibilities, and terms of service.

#### KMA structure –

- Have met twice by phone and smaller group met to refine documents.
  - Focusing on pulling together a chart for various funding sources for KMA.
- KMA certification.
  - Have drafted a checklist KMA guidelines, narrative, RFP, and request for certification.
  - Checklist begins with a statement regarding core values and principals.

#### 4) Mary Dalton gave an overview of the EPP for 2009 Biennium:

- Pending until executive budget comes out on November 15.
  - Budget for HRD Medicaid is \$500M alone.
- The governor is watching initiative process, state surplus and fire season prior to finalizing.

Bonnie Adee: Would like to see a system for parents or guardians to visit children in out of community RTC's. This may impact length of time child is away from home.

#### Jani McCall:

- \$1.3M funding for in-kind match for SOC was not on list.
  - Would like a committee letter to Directors office, Governor's office, Anna Whiting-Sorrell, Dave Ewer and ask that this funding be put back in the EPP for biennium.
- In year four the funding match goes to 50%.
- Projects have 25, 35 and 40% for the first three years. Very difficult for them to make 25%, 35%--40% may be insurmountable.
  - This is written in the grant, but is negotiable.
  - Issue is sustainability.
  - Have two legislative sessions to address problem.

#### Mignon Waterman:

- Legislators will want to see results before they address a money issue.
  - What results justify \$1.2M/year and more money down the road?
    - National studies show that this system saves \$2,500 per kid/year.
    - Montana not far enough along, but data will show a year from now.
    - SOC is saving \$784/kid/year on the juvenile side.
    - Putting together pieces to show positive outcome performances.

Committee members interested in sub-committee regarding EPP or legislation should contact Jani McCall.

- Members can identify themselves as a member of SOC, but state that they are not speaking for SOC's.

- For those members of SOC who are government employees, you can educate but not lobby--explain how important this money is, but can't ask that it be put back in the EPP process. Most of the government representatives work for the executive branch, the rest work for an elected official.

Legal opinion from John Koch was shared:

- SOC Committee was originally configured as an interagency cooperative committee.
- Committee members from agency prospective have to vote agency line.
- Suggested to form sub-committee of private parties that will make a recommendation.
- Need to be careful to identify self as a sub-committee of group making a recommendation for EPP, cannot make a recommendation as a representative for total SOC Committee.
- SOC support is for budget presented by department.

5) Pete Surdock: Update on two grant applications:

- Carry over money (\$605,729) from year one to year two with 25% match; this is for CMHB salaries, travel, and national travel. On June 22 this was approved. We now have the authority to use this money as requested.
- Third year application—July 16 received letter indicating that this has been approved for \$1,875M in Federal monies, \$625,000 in match. \$1.2M is for six community projects. \$200,000 for technical assistance, \$200 K travel in state and national meetings. \$111,000 for CMHB project staff.
- Will now need to request carry over from second to third year.
- We are now in year two of the grant, there are four years remaining.

It was suggested that in-kind match be called an investment into sustainability. Sustainability is supposed to come by 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> year, but effort to attain starts now.

DRA:

- Orlando meetings discussing sustainability
  - In almost all other states Medicaid was the main source of money.
- Under DRA signed by president on January 21 there was a provision in the law that provides for 1915C demonstration grant waiver.
- Only 10 grants will be awarded nationwide.
- This money is for re-direction of youth away from, or earlier stepping down from RTC.
- Money awarded will be for increased services and evaluation
  - Must be cost neutral.
- Application is due October 15.
- Announcement by January 2007 as to which states have been selected
- This will be slot limited. Survey will be sent out asking:
  - What are challenges that kept the youth from staying in the community?
  - What keeps you from bringing kid back sooner?
- Respite can be put under a waiver.
- Concept paper will be sent to tribes for comments if we receive the grant.
  - Will not have standard 90-day response time
- Include Medicaid services, but also include crises response, community and particularly family based services.
- In Montana, RTC's are crises responses because of lack of hospital beds.
- R&B is not paid by Medicaid now and will not be paid under a waiver.

6) A discussion was held as to whether CAFAS scores can be used to predict risk of need to be placed in RTC, or identify a concrete way to identify if a child no longer needs to be in an RTC.

- Survey of a random selection of 30 kids in RTC and case management, as well as 30 kids that have not been in an RTC.

- Will check scores before they've entered, now and in between.
- Indian population is included; they have received authorization from CAFAS.

7) Case Management has changed as of July 1.

- Any qualified provider can do case management.
  - Qualified providers must be a qualified mental health center with license that includes endorsement case management and must be contracted with Children's Mental Health Bureau.
- Moving toward utilization review of targeted case management requiring prior approval.
  - Will need UR after 48 units (12 hours) in state fiscal year.
  - This will not go into effect until after ARM has been changed.
  - This does not eliminate or cap TCM.
  - After 48 units must provide case management plan that justifies need to continue and meets medical necessity.
- Developing performance indicators, outcome measurements for contracts.
- Moving to outcome based service to improve efficiency and quality.

Steps to enhance Managing Medicaid program for youth with SED.

- Project the expenditure for TCM to be 11.5% higher.
- Therapeutic foster care is now projected to be 80% biological families, 20% foster families.
- Estimated 13,136 SED youth between the ages of 6 and 18.
- Montana Medicaid is estimated to serve 9,800 (88% of that population). Nationally, figure is 50%, we are 38% above national average.
- Youth must be verified SED to receive services.
- Bundled/per diem rates will be eliminated under Federal proposed guidelines. Therapeutic Group and Foster care will be most affected.

8) There are three new granted sites: Butte (Silverbow), Havre and Helena. The existing sites are almost fully staffed.

9) National SAHMSA training in Orlando:

- Project sites 10 individuals.
- State office sent a delegation of ten, including Mary Dalton.
- Next conference will be Nashville in 2008.

Discussion on what SOC members would like from reports from Regions and KMAs:

- Find out what is going well, what are the obstacles from parents and staff?
  - Are they able to help kids?
  - Are they having problems with agencies?
  - Are there problems with providers?
  - What are their issues?
- What issues or problems are going on that aren't being addressed by SOC Committee?
- Trust level before discussing problems in each community.
- Need respect for local community. Committee's job is to help them with their issues when they ask for help.
- Juvenile Justice had \$30,000 in requests from KMA's to assist with additional planning and work.
- Six \$5,000 and \$15,000 Implementation grants were approved. At the end of June, very few had expended the monies.
- Have to fund adequately or not use at all. In some communities \$5,000 was not nearly enough.

- Some felt the grant RFP amount to be too much for what they really wanted. One KMA disbanded because they weren't able to obtain \$4-6,000 for administrative costs. Two additional KMAs may fold if they don't receive the minimal financial assistance from the RFP for Juvenile Justice.
- Flexibility with grant funding that is a carry over to give focus to smaller communities?
- Agency people at the community level should be involved in local KMAs. Community level agency people should report to SOC Committee representative to bring issues to the table.

Primary purpose of grant was to build and maintain an infrastructure for System of Care.

- Trying to find way to do blended or braided funding.
- This is about taking dollars that are for services and using them in a more productive and creative way.
- Have agenda structured around theme that identifies issues with reports focused on that issue.
- Now building an inventory of what services do exist in state, as well as identifying what gaps there are.
- Communities with different models should be looked at to see what is working and what isn't working.
  - This would help the three communities that are coming on board with new grants.
- What were factors that caused other communities to decide not to compete for the RFP?
- What have they taken from what they learned on the models to be where they are now?
- Need to discuss gaps in the whole system, initiatives, etc. as well as specific to target communities.

Discussion of how committee can help communities:

- SOC was not as much about funding, as it was finding solutions in an integrated, innovative way; find a way to help communities deal with barriers.
  - Develop a list of problems from regions assigned to work groups to tackle.
  - Break down into key committees, each work group has purpose and role, manageable task
  - Each work group meets at least once per quarter.
- Intent of grant was that each funded KMA would have a representative on the Committee.
- Need to address these issues:
  - Parent Participation
  - Agency collaboration
  - Braiding funding
  - Usefulness of work groups
  - Legislation
  - Barriers

10) Suggested outline for future meetings:

- Work Groups meeting early in agenda.
- KMA reports early on in agenda.
- Need a work group on sustainability
  - How to gain support among grass roots
  - How to raise money
  - How to engage business community?
- Have a parent/family work group
  - Approaches from KMAs on how to include families
- Granted communities want to be asked what they need to practice high fidelity SOC.

- Would be able to give immediate feed back on suggestions from SOC.

Pete moved that 30 minutes of each SOC committee meeting be set aside for local projects to share what is being done, what is working, what isn't working, suggestions as to what they need from SOC regarding respective projects. Motion seconded by Bob Runkel, amended with communities meeting first to decide what would be the best issues to be dealt with by the SOC Committee.

A sub committee consisting of Mary, Karin, Tina, Jani and Bonnie will work on the agenda for the next meeting

Indian child welfare meeting is October 24 in Great Falls:

- Proposed that October SOC meeting be held in Great Falls on Monday, October 23 to coincide with this meeting.
- Sign in for ICWA conference is on Tuesday; meeting begins at 9 AM, ends Thursday at noon.
- Announcement will be made at later date as to location and date of October meeting.

11) Comments on Case Management "Do You Know" brochure: please call Pete.

12) Pete Surdock announced his retirement effective October 27, 2006. October will be his last SOC meeting.

13) Meeting adjourned.